Border Posts in Jammu and Kashmir

1610. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu & Kashmir Government had requested his Ministry to set up border posts to check the entry of Pakistan trained extremists through that border;

(b) if so, what steps his Ministry have taken in this direction; and

(c) how many intruders and terrorists have been arrested on the said border during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The entire Jammu & Kashmir border is under the operational control of the Army and BSF battalions are assisting them in border guarding duties. Government have taken necessary step to strengthen BSF establish more border outposts, construct additional observation posts towers for watching movement of intruders and equip BSF with sophisticated equipment and vehicles for intensive patrolling.

(c) Information about the number of infiltrators arrested during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 on Jammu & Kashmir border is furnished in the attached Statement.

Statement

Number of infiltrators apprehended on Jammu and Kashmir border with Pakistan during the years 1986-1987 and 1988.

Year	Apprehended at the border	Pushed back	Handed over to State Police for taking necessary action.
1986	98	3	95
1987	67	3	64
1988	119	48	71

NOTE: It is not possible to say how many persons out of those apprehended were suspected terrorists.

Export of Pepper

1611. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is considered a major exporter of pepper in the world pepper market;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of pepper exported during the last three years and the amount earned therefrom; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to step up export of pepper?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Estimated Exports

(Rs. Lakhs)

Year	Qty. M.T.	Value
1985-86. . .	37620	17248
1986-87. . .	38083	20033
1987-88. . .	41011	24058